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HOUSE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened to learn of the death of the Honorable Judge Terrence "Terry" Hopkins of Mount Vernon, Illinois, who passed away on October 16, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Terrence Hopkins was born on March 6, 1948 in Christopher, Illinois; his parents were Gladys (Starkey) Hopkins and the late George Hopkins, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Terrence Hopkins received his Bachelor's degree from Southern Illinois University Carbondale in 1970 and his law degree from St. Louis University in 1974; he received a JLLM degree from the judge's program at the University of Virginia Law School in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hopkins served as Franklin County State's Attorney from 1976 to 1983 and as circuit judge in the Second Judicial Circuit from 1983 to 1994; he was elected to serve as a Fifth District Appellate Court Justice in 1994; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hopkins was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church, where he was a member and past parish council president and choir member; he was a member of St. John's Knights of Columbus; he was a past Exalted Ruler of the West Frankfort Elks Club; and a member of the Mount Vernon Elks Club; and

WHEREAS, He was a member and past president of the West Frankfort Lions Club, a member of the West Frankfort Moose Lodge, a sponsor of the Mount Vernon High School Mock Trial Team and the Youth and Government Team, a member of the SIUC Moot Court Board, and a member of the Illinois Judges Association, the Illinois State Bar Association, the Franklin County Bar Association, Jefferson County Bar Association, and the Illinois Trial Lawyers Association; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Hopkins was a member of the Cedarhurst
2 Theater Troupe and the Pyramid Players of Rend Lake College; he
3 was also a long-time Democrat; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Terrence Hopkins is survived by his wife,
5 Jerilee Hopkins; his mother, Gladys Hopkins; his twin sons,
6 Sean Hopkins and his wife, Lisa, and Aaron M. Hopkins; his
7 daughter, Lee Taylor Hornung; his brothers, George Hopkins,
8 Jr., and his wife, Tina, Leonard Hopkins and his wife, Lisa,
9 and Mike Hopkins and his wife, Holly; his sister, Maureen Hogg
10 and her husband, Jack; and his nieces and nephews; he was
11 preceded in death by his father, George Hopkins, Sr.;
12 therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
14 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
15 we mourn, along with all who knew him, the passing of the
16 Honorable Judge Terrence Hopkins; and be it further

17 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
18 presented to the family of the Honorable Judge Terrence
19 Hopkins.